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Diary Dates

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Editorial

Well the last month has been very busy for me, not just on radio but also on a personal level, and as a result I have slipped from my target of issuing the Starlite by the Main meeting. However I have eventually got there so that's all that matters.

You will notice from the article later that a fair amount of work has been carried out at the school to increase the available aerials. Three separate sessions were arranged to carry out all appropriate work, but it has not all been plain sailing .

For more exciting information see the article below

73's de G8JTL Malcolm

Our Own Roving Reporter

Well I managed to attend the Leicester Radio Rally with Len G4HCZ on Sat 21st Sept that happened to be my birthday and I had the camera with me. I had the camera with me as you will see by the two slides taken there, one being of fellow Stars members stall with WMACC member Steve Hacket, it's the Festival Computer stand which is owned by Nick Moss who as a G6 three letter callsign, the other photo being of the flea market, outside the main hall which is always a feature at the rally & most of the traders are prepared to be outside which so I was informed is far more cheaper because indoor the rental for the stalls are around the £600 for the two days which is a lot to find



Other than Nick I did not see any Stars members there, my other colleague Graham G1JPS who had travelled from London and it was His first visit to Castle Donnington. Even though I did not spend a great deal it was a good day out, I thought it would be the final rally for this year, with the Mars rally on the same day as the organ concert, I can't be in two places at once, but one which doesn't clash is the Worcester Rally on Dec 8th at The Worcester Rugby Club which is just off Junc 6 M5. Before then in November its the Stars Surplus Sale and I wonder what's going to be up for grabs this year?. During My weekly visits to the Severn Valley Railway as a volunteer worker a job I enjoy, I come into contact with people some of which I have never seen before, they come from all walks of life and in conversation find some have the same interests as Myself like Don of the South B'ham Amateur Radio Society who I also come in contact with at radio rallies. Don has been a volunteer at Severn Valley now for a number of years, some one else like Don who I recently came into contact with and who as been to Stars meetings in the past although he is no longer licensed, is Geoff Longmore who was G6AKC. I was going to assist with the aerials on the Sat. what with unexpected phone calls which upset my plans to assist also at that point I knew I would have a full day in front of Me on the Sun. if I was going to attend the Ukulele Society Of Great Britain Meeting at Digswell Nr Welwyn Garden City and Hatfield House where RSGB held two Radio Rallies two yrs ago.



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Well Glenys and Myself made the 6hr round trip to get there and enjoyed the day out and meeting up with some of the members who had travelled even greater distances than Myself Leeds, Oswestry, Bournemouth and the Netherlands, its not all Ukes and Playing, there was bit of RF mentioned particularly 2m between Myself & the two on the photo who I have mentioned before in past reports & they from left to right Geoff G6KPA & John G8NPK John used to engrave the badges for RSGB, there are no prizes for guessing who is on the other photo doing His solo spot on stage.



I would like to give a mention at this point about the talent that there is within both the USofGB and the GFS some appear on TV and Radio from time to time. Andy Eastwood who I first came into contact with at a one day GFS meeting in Stourbridge 12 yrs ago when He was still at School, has for the past two yrs been touring with the Ken Dodd show. He will be in W'ton in Dec. It was a good but tiring day out. It must be old age, have to think more nowadays before I make long Journeys driving myself, even though I enjoy the events when I get there whether its Radio or otherwise its the driving back afterwards that's on My mind, however I have heard say along the grape vine that a long standing member of Stars going back over 50yrs and who is a 2-3yrs older than Myself has just recently retired from the medical profession, Dr Alan Parkes G7AXW. We all wish Him well in His retirement and I feel certain with all His interests He will find plenty to do in the yrs ahead. Finally I enjoyed the talk about the Enigma machine at the Sept meeting it had memories of that excellent visit to Bletchley Park last yr. I hope the proposed visit to the national Motor Cycle Museum or to any other venue is also successful. Well that's all for now if I have missed anything out it will be featured in the next Edition of Starlite. I am now going to write reports for the other Societies I am connected with, while I am in the writing mood, see you all soon

That's all for now Best 73s Your Roving Reporter Malcolm

Foundation Course

Arrangements are now well under way for the next foundation course. We currently have a number of prospective candidates who wish to take the course

It has been decided that the next course will be scheduled to cover 1 full day (Saturday) and three evenings (Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday) in order to achieve the requisite number of training hours together with the examination period.

The course date has been scheduled , subject to sufficient candidates being able to attend, for Saturday 9th , Monday 11th, Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th November

If you know of any other prospective candidates then please contact Hon Sec John as soon as possible so that the appropriate arrangements can be made to include them



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MEETING REPORTS

Aerial Rigging Party hits Oldswinford

Those in the club whose commitments allow them the opportunity carried preliminary work out midweek.

A second session was arranged for the Saturday 25th September when the feeders could be installed. The HF beam had been installed on the rotator but it needed to be repositioned in order to clear one of the school's TV aerials. New feeders were installed together with additional feeders for a 10Ghz ATV installation. Unfortunately after installation it was found that the shack indicator would no longer pick up the correct beam heading although the rotator was turning ok. This was subsequently found to be a problem with the potentiometer and a replacement is now being procured.

During the erection of the beam it became obvious that the G5RV would foul the elements so this had to be repositioned, also the twin feed had split so the opportunity was taken to completely renew the aerial. This task was undertaken on the third Saturday together with installation of two Ex-Sat dishes for 10Ghz ATV use.

At this point the work still outstanding includes re-installation of the rotator (the beam is currently fixed on an Easterly direction) and alignment of the ATV Dishes. This work will be scheduled once the rotator repair is completed.

And just to prove it really happened these Candid camera shots have come to life (Courtesy of James)

PICK YOUR OWN CAPTION



Well there must be a way up there somehow

I think we'll stay here whilst that lot are up there

Well I wouldn't do it that way

Well there must be a better way too straighten this

How long have these brackets been on here

Are you sure this is the right way up



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Bravely forward – Into the unknown

One small step for mankind .. One giant leap for
StARS

I wish they'd keep the ball lower

Is that a suitable point for the ATV Installation?

Now what's over this wall

Why can you never find a straight piece of masting



Well would it be easier this way than the ladder

Whoops wonder who will have to pay for the
window

Wish that lot on the ground would get their act
together

Now what Knot should we use here

Shall I tie it or shall you

Wonder what this bit of string is here for



Now what SHALL I do with this

Are those lot on the roof Deaf

Technology rules the day



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SUMMER FUN (AUGUST)

If YOU didn't find it the missing word was

FOUNDATION

Disappointingly only 2 entries were submitted

And the winner,

Drawn at the September Main Meeting was

JIM G????

LOCAL RALLIES

Mars Rally - Sun 17th Nov

King Edwards Grammar School

Vicarage Road

Kings Heath

Future Events

REMINDER:-It has been suggested that a trip should be organized to visit the Motor Museum at Gaydon, Coventry. This would necessarily take place on a Sat/Sun dependant upon interest. Would all those interested please indicate such on the notice to be found in the shack or advise any of the committee members? It was hoped that a decision can be taken at the next committee meeting to be held early September. However there has been NO expression of interest outside the Committee. So please give an indication if you are interested

CELEBRATIONS

Those that missed the meeting of the 21st October will have missed the announcement of a momentous achievement not to mention being able to partake of a selection of Alcoholic Beverages.

The event was to celebrate the 'First On Air Contact' by Arthur Parkes G2DVI since he was granted his licence 64 years ago.

Arthur told us that he had recently established a brief contact on 2m

So there's a new call to look out for

Watch out for a more in depth article in your December Issue of Starlite



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Reminders

Any contacts for future talks??

If you know of anybody willing to visit the Society and deliver a talk/demo of interest then PLEASE pass the information to Tony M1CZH or any Committee Member.

Whilst radio/electronic topics are preferred
any other topic can be covered

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT.

Stocktaking of known club assets is now virtually completed and a special meeting will be held on the second Monday in October to place values on all items. Any items on loan should be returned to the club by that date in order that their condition may be reviewed and a balance sheet value placed on them

NEXT STARLITE ISSUE DUE

NOVEMBER 18th – submissions by 14th please.

YOUR newsletter wants YOU

(Or more to the Point your INPUT)

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The club holds its full meetings on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each Month at: -

**Old Swinford Hospital School, Heath Lane, Stourbridge.
(8.00pm – 10.00pm)**

**The 1st Monday is usually an informal Social evening with the
3rd Monday having prearranged talk or other event.**

MEETINGS

CALENDAR

JULY	Mon 1 st	Informal Social night –Tea/Coffee available
	Mon 8 th	Open Shack night – Tea/Coffee available
	Mon 15 th	Bill Mahoney - Radio Amateur Emergency Network, (RAEN).
	Mon 22 nd	Open Shack night – Tea/Coffee available
	Mon 29 th	Open Shack night – Tea/Coffee available
AUGUST	Mon 5 th	Open Shack night – Tea/Coffee available
	Mon 12 th	Open Shack night – Tea/Coffee available
	Mon 19 th	Sheepwalks Outing – Weather Permitting
	Mon 26 th	Open Shack night – Tea/Coffee available
SEPTEMBER	Mon 2 nd	Informal Social night –Tea/Coffee available
	Mon 9 th	Open Shack night – Committee Meeting - Tea/Coffee available
	Mon 16 th	Mrs. Lyman to give a talk on Y station Bletchley Park
	Mon 23 rd	Open Shack night – Tea/Coffee available
	Mon 30 th	Open Shack night – Tea/Coffee available
OCTOBER	Mon 7 th	Informal Social night –Tea/Coffee available
	Mon 14 th	Open Shack night – Tea/Coffee available
	Mon 21 st	Bill Moorwood G3CAQ Radio Clubs in the Midlands
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	Mon 4 th	Informal Social night –Tea/Coffee available
	Mon 11 th	Open Shack night – Tea/Coffee available
	Mon 18 th	Annual Surplus Sale
	Mon 25 th	Open Shack night – Tea/Coffee available
DECEMBER	Mon 2 nd	Informal Social night –Tea/Coffee available
	Mon 9 th	Open Shack night – Tea/Coffee available
	Mon 16 th	Open Shack night – Tea/Coffee available
	Mon 23 rd	BANK HOLIDAY – SHACK CLOSED
	Mon 10 th	Open Shack night – Committee Meeting - Tea/Coffee available
	Mon 17 th	Main Meeting # to be confirmed
	Mon 24 th	Open Shack night – Tea/Coffee available

